

The Democrat.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI.

Secretary Root is so well satisfied with the record made by the troops recruited from the natives of Puerto Rico that he has determined to increase the number now in service by another battalion.

Representative Loud, author of the bill relating to second class mail matter, secured a special rule, on the 23d, giving two days in March for the consideration of the bill and providing for a final vote.

The Central Pacific Railroad Co. has anticipated the payment of one of its notes for \$2,900,000, due more than a year hence, and has received in turn the same amount in Union Pacific bonds which were pledged as collateral.

The pending naval appropriation bill carries on item of \$350,000 to begin work on the extensive project for new quarters. The total cost is limited to \$2,500,000. The total academy appropriations for this year are \$677,000.

Gen. Lord Roberts cabled the British war office, from Paardeberg, at 7:45 on the morning of the 27th: "Gen. Cronje and all of his force capitulated, unconditionally, at daylight, and is now a prisoner in my camp." It was the anniversary of Majuba Hill, fought 19 years ago.

The tablet presented to the naval academy by the Maryland Society of Daughters of the Revolution was unveiled in their chapel at the academy, in Annapolis, Md., on the 23d. The tablet is dedicated to the officers, soldiers and sailors who lost their lives during the war of the revolution.

Hon. Arthur Sewall, of Bath, Me. candidate for vice-president on the democratic ticket four years ago, had a conference, on the 23d, with Mr. Bryan on the train which took the Nebraska to Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Sewall declined to reveal the nature of their interview.

At the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, in Washington, on the 25th, Bishop John F. Hurst preached a memorial sermon at a special service held in honor and remembrance of Bishop John P. Newman. The auditorium was filled to the doors. President McKinley was an interested auditor.

Victor Hochenstein, of Spencer, Ind., has filed a claim for \$200,000 against the Spanish government for ill treatment received from Spanish soldiers in Cuba while he was in the service of the Red Cross society. He publicly charged in Havana that the Spanish blew up the Maine, was seized and confined in Moro castle.

The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of the London Times, under date of the 25th, says: "The feeling in official circles at Pretoria borders on consternation. Gen. Louis Botha and President Steyn are both urging President Kruger to sue for peace. At Bloemfontein Gen. Cronje's position is regarded as hopeless."

Based on a total population of 3,446,700, the authorities have decided that the respective colonies are entitled, under the federation scheme, to the following representation in the Australian parliament: New South Wales, 23; Victoria, 20; Queensland, eight; South Australia, six; and Tasmania, five; total, 62.

Johns Hopkins university celebrated its twenty-fourth anniversary, on the 23d, by appropriate exercises in McCoy hall at Baltimore, Md. The orator of the day was President Benj. I. Wheeler of the University of California, who dwelt strongly on the dignified side of politics, and made an urgent plea for stronger men for political office.

Admiral Von Tirpitz, German secretary to the admiralty, has informed the reichstag budget committee that if the naval appropriation bill is adopted, an order for steel plates to the value of 279,000,000 marks will go jointly to the Stumm Brothers and to Herr Krupp. Herr Eugene Richter, the radical leader, asserts that this will give a clear profit to the manufacturers of 170,000,000 marks.

There was a dearth of positive news from the war in South Africa, on the 21st, the most important being that desperate fighting was doubtless going on between Lord Roberts' forces and the Boers under Gen. Cronje, who had probably been largely reinforced. The heavy list of casualties among officers reported by Gen. Roberts indicated a large total killed and wounded list. It was reported in Windsor that it had been given out from the castle that Ladysmith had been relieved.

The most thrilling and important news received from the scene of hostilities in South Africa, on the 23d, was an account of the battle raging between Gen. Cronje's troops, partially entrenched in the bed of the Modder river, and Lord Roberts' forces pressed by superior numbers, by whom he was completely surrounded, with 60 guns dropping lyddite, shrapnel and canister into his laager, which was in flames, the Free State commander asked for an armistice of 24 hours. Lord Kitchener's characteristic reply was "immediate surrender or resumption of the fight." Gen. Cronje's answer was that he would resist to the death. The battle was still in progress.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 21st, the greater part of the day's session was taken up by consideration of the Hawaiian government bill, little progress, however, being made. Mr. Penrose (Pa.) gave notice that he would call up the resolution seating Mr. Quay as senator from Pennsylvania on the 23d. In the house, the Puerto Rican tariff bill being under further consideration. Mr. Brownwell (rep., O.) spoke against the measure. His opposition, however, was on the ground of policy and not of constitutionality. On the failure of the substitute, he said, he would vote for the bill.

In the senate, on the 22d, on account of the absence of democratic senators, who were in attendance upon the Democratic national committee, Mr. Penrose (rep., Pa.) refrained from calling up the Quay case, as announced, and gave notice that he would do so on the 23d, which met with some objection on the part of the opponents of Mr. Quay. In the house the debate on the Puerto Rican tariff bill was resumed and brought out several notable speeches. The debate was continued at a night session.

In the senate, on the 23d, the resolution involving the seating of Mr. Quay as senator from Pennsylvania was taken up. The vote in favor of consideration being 31 to 23. Mr. Daniels (dem., Va.) made a speech vigorously supporting Mr. Quay's right to the seat. Messrs. Vest and Foraker delivered constitutional arguments opposed to and in support of the Hawaiian government bill. In the house an agreement was reached to take a vote on the Puerto Rican tariff bill on the 25th at 10 p. m. A general debate on the bill to close on the 26th. The leading speech of the day was made by Mr. Littlefield (rep., Me.) against the bill. The debate was continued at a night session.

In the senate, on the 24th, the entire session was devoted to the further consideration of the Hawaiian government bill. The discussion took a wide range, but the basis of it was an amendment offered by Mr. Platt (Conn.) as to the appointment and tenure of office of the judges of the Hawaiian courts. In the house the debate upon the Puerto Rican bill was proceeded with, a large number of speeches being delivered both for and against the pending measure.

In the senate, on the 25th, formal discussion of the right of Mr. Quay to a seat in that body was begun. Consideration of the Hawaiian government bill was resumed, and elicited a lively discussion in which southern election methods were ventilated. An amendment was adopted striking out the property qualification of voters for members of the legislature. In the house the Puerto Rican tariff bill was again taken up, and the time for general discussion extended until the night of the 27th. A large number of speeches were made for and against the bill.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The United States canal commission, after having conferred for several days with President Zelaya of Nicaragua, left San Juan for Panama, via Corinto.

The statement of the condition of the treasury issued on the 23d showed: Available cash balance, \$296,598,935; gold reserve, \$255,583,787.

Six lives were lost and a number of vessels wrecked by a fierce southwesterly gale that swept the New England coast on the night of the 24th. The storm was most severe in Narragansett and Boston bays and Portland and Bangor harbors.

An official call has been issued for the tenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, to be held at Houston, Tex., April 17 to 21, inclusive. The territory to be represented embraces all of the states and territories lying west of the Mississippi river.

Dispatches from Lord Roberts up to the 24th said that he still had Gen. Cronje surrounded and was continuing the bombardment of the Boer camp. He was gradually tightening the line around Cronje, meanwhile fighting off reinforcements from Cape Colony and Natal.

As a result of a fire, on the 25th, at St. Quentin, a suburb of Paris, in a collection of alcohol and oil stores, a series of explosions occurred, spreading the flames until a block of six immense warehouses was involved in a huge conflagration. One hundred and fifty persons were injured by flying debris.

Plans are said to be already under consideration at the treasury department for carrying out the gold standard law as soon as the conference report agreed upon is ratified by the two houses and approved by President McKinley.

Dr. A. J. Darling, who recently arrived at Corpus Christi, Tex., from Manila, states that the Filipinos have killed over thirty members of the Red Cross society, and that their sharpshooters seldom respect the badge of that noble order.

Richard Hovey, the poet died suddenly, on the 24th, of apoplexy, in the post graduate hospital, in New York, where he had been a patient for three weeks suffering from cancer of the intestines.

Fire, on the night of the 25th, in the plant of the Detroit (Mich.) Steel and Spring Co.'s works destroyed both the company's rolling mills, and caused the loss of a fireman's life, besides indirectly resulting in injuries to a physician, and ambulance driver. The property loss is about \$100,000, fully covered by insurance.

Charles Davis, known throughout the country in his character of "Alvin Karpis," and noted for his lavish display of big diamonds, was reported dying of pneumonia at his home, in Avalon, near Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 25th.

According to Consul-General Patterson, at Calcutta, the season has been disastrous for the cotton crop, and the reports are discouraging from all quarters. In many places in the south there is no cotton to pick, and not a fifth of an average crop will be obtained. The total yield for the season is estimated at 641,327 bales, against 1,365,864 bales last year.

In the criminal court of Kansas City, Mo., on the 26th, Albert Haskins pleaded guilty to "holding up" a street car conductor one night last September, and was sentenced to 29 years in the penitentiary. He is a widower and has two children. Two weeks before a jury in the same court assessed a 40-year sentence against a negro highwayman.

Senator Clarke, of Wyoming, on the 26th, introduced a bill for the admission of Arizona as a state.

The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows that the total receipts for January, 1900, amounted to \$23,018,885, an increase, as compared with January, 1899, of \$2,206,672. During the last seven months the total receipts exceeded those for 1899 by \$15,664,453.

Admiral Kautz is expected to arrive at San Francisco on his flagship, the Iowa, about March 20. He is now in Mexican waters engaged in annual maneuvers and drills. At San Francisco he will transfer his flag to the Philadelphia, and the Iowa will be sent to Bremerton naval station, on Puget sound, to be docked.

Recent storms have caused great damage among the outlying islands of the Shetlands, to the north of Scotland, where it is reported 14 wrecks and several life buoys have been picked up.

The senate committee on Pacific railroads, on the 26th, ordered a favorable report on the bill for a commission to settle the Sioux City & Pacific railroad indebtedness.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 27th, Mr. Depeew (N. Y.) delivered a speech in support of the policy of the administration on the Philippine question. Mr. Turley spoke on the Quay case, after which the Hawaiian government bill was taken up, and an agreement was reached to take a final vote upon the bill on the 28th. In the house, the general debate upon the Puerto Rican tariff bill occupied the session, and closed in a blaze of glory, the concluding speeches of Mr. Bailey (dem., Tex.) against, and Mr. Dooliver (rep., Ia.) in favor of the measure, attracting full benches and crowded galleries.

After a resistance of many days against overwhelming numbers that had earned the wonder and admiration of the civilized world, and of Englishmen most of all, Gen. Cronje capitulated, on the morning of the 27th, surrendering unconditionally to Field Marshal Lord Roberts. Among the fruits of the hard-fought siege were between 4,000 and 5,000 troops, 14 modern guns, and much camp equipment and ammunition. The praises of the Canadian contingent, which took a prominent part in the long battle, were loudly sung in London and echoed all over the world.

The members of the several delegations from Puerto Rico in Washington, having read the compromise measure adopted at the republican conference, on the night of the 27th, have united in a statement to congress in which they say that the idea and theory of a tariff is repugnant to them and that the island is entitled to receive absolutely free commercial relations at once.

The anti-foreign attitude of the Peking government grows more pronounced daily, and is regarded as extremely menacing to foreign enterprise. Never in the last 40 years has the central government of China been so intensely anti-foreign. Several Chinese have been impeached and imprisoned because they had assisted in obtaining concessions for foreigners.

By the settlement of the estate of the late Eleanor C. Scott case, \$10,000 now awaits the demand of the general foreign missionary societies of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, each to have \$5,000. No demand for the money has been made. Baron Ceviers, minister of the Netherlands to the United States, arrived at New York, on the 27th, on the steamer Rotterdam from Rotterdam.

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

The wife and daughter of Field Marshal Lord Roberts took luncheon with Queen Victoria at Windsor castle Friday.

John O. McMackin, aged 19 years, son of James B. McMackin, who was injured in last Sunday's fire at Salem, Ill., died Friday.

Austin May, the colored watchman at the Newport (Ark.) electric light plant was electrocuted by coming in contact with a live wire.

The death of Prof. James Barkley occurred Friday at his home in Carlyle, Ill. Deceased was 78 years of age. He was born in Paris, Ky.

To Wing, the Chinaman recently charged with murder at Bingham City, Utah, and sentenced to be shot, committed suicide, Friday, by hanging.

John R. McLean, of Ohio, gave a dinner, Friday night, at Washington, to a hundred or more prominent democrats, including members of the national democratic committee.

The K county flouring mills, located at Newkirk, Okla., and owned by Leebeter & Co., were consumed by fire Friday. The loss is estimated to be nearly \$50,000.

H. R. L. Jones, a stockholder and director in the Mermood & Jaccard Jewelry Co., of St. Louis, died at St. Augustine, Fla., where he had gone for his health.

J. B. Rainy, one of the most prominent cotton buyers at Paris, Tex., died Friday morning from an overdose of morphine, taken with suicidal intent.

An old well at Loggotee, Ind., was shot with nitroglycerin, Friday, and a flow followed, estimated at 200 barrels daily. The oil was struck at a depth of 338 feet.

One woman was killed, several other persons were severely injured, and property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed by fire in Philadelphia Friday.

The Frankfort (Ky.) city council passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to appoint a committee to investigate the alleged presence in the city of armed mountaineers.

Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes negro, received the decision over Joe Choyanski, of California, in the seventh round of what was to have been a 25-round bout before the Broadway Athletic club, New York city, Friday night. Choyanski was all but out.

GEN. CRONJE A PRISONER.

Surrendered, With All His Force, Unconditionally, to Field Marshal Lord Roberts.

WELCOME NEWS TO WAITING BRITISH.

The Prisoners Captured Approximately Four Thousand, with Fifteen Guns of Small Caliber—Enthusiasm in England and Throughout the Colonies Over the Event.

London, Feb. 28.—The war office has received the following dispatch: "Paardeberg, Feb. 27, 7:45 a. m.

"Gen. Cronje and all of his force capitulated unconditionally at daylight and is now a prisoner in my camp.

"The strength of his force will be communicated later. I hope that her majesty's government will consider this event satisfactory, occurring as it does on the anniversary of Majuba."

The Prisoners Captured. London, Feb. 27, 6:25 p. m.—It is now announced that Lord Roberts has notified the war office that the number



of Boer prisoners approximately 4,000, of which about 1,150 are citizens of the Orange Free State. The remainder are citizens of the Transvaal.

Twenty-nine Transvaal officers were captured and 18 Free State officers were made prisoners.

The Guns Taken. The guns captured from the Transvaal forces were three 7.5 centimeter Krupps, nine 1-pounder and one Maxim gun. From the Free States, the British captured one 7.5 centimeter Krupp and one Maxim gun.

ENTHUSIASM RUNS WILD. No Less Marked in the Colonies than in England.

London, Feb. 28.—The enthusiasm, exhibited in parliament over Lord Roberts' graphic details of the surrender of Gen. Cronje spread quickly to the streets. Crowds of people again gathered about the war office and the other bulletin places, in spite of the rain that was falling at the time, and which had been falling since morning. Frequent cheers were given for "Boles," who is the hero of the hour, and one old soldier became so excited in recounting the details of the victory that he fell dead.

On all sides, the gallantry of the Canadian was much commented on. Cable dispatches poured in from the colonies, and the settlements, announcing that the rejoicing in those parts of the world over Lord Roberts' victory was no less enthusiastic than in Great Britain itself. Bombay and Gibraltar, for instance, reported that their cities became a mass of bunting and that cheering crowds filled their streets.

It is reported that Lady Roberts, the wife of the field marshal, Lord Roberts, will shortly start to join her husband.

EUROPE NOT WELL PLEASED.

Was Not Conquered, but Yielded to Superior Numbers.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—The National Zeitung attributes the surrender to the superior strategy and numbers of the British.

The Vossische Zeitung says: "Gen. Cronje was not conquered, but had to yield to superior numbers. England has not only saved her hegemony in South Africa, but has also re-established her badly-shaken prestige as a world power."

The Neuste Nachrichten says: "The news is a message of sorrow for nearly the whole civilized world outside of England."

Sentiment in Amsterdam.

Amsterdam, Feb. 28.—The evening papers generally express the opinion that Gen. Cronje's capitulation does not mean the end of the war. The Algemeen Handelsblad says:

"It is a long way between Roberts and Pretoria. If he is finally victorious, a more dangerous guerrilla warfare will begin, and the Boers will smite the British everywhere. The Cape Dutch will form a permanent danger to South Africa."

Enthusiasm at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28.—There was general enthusiasm and rejoicing all over the city, Tuesday, when the news of the surrender of Gen. Cronje was received through the press, confirmed later by a dispatch from Sir Alfred Town, who also congratulated the governor general on the noble share taken by the troops from Canada.

Flags were flying from the parliament buildings, and all the principal buildings in the city. In official and military circles there was intense enthusiasm.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Mrs. Elizabeth Foster, at Springfield.

John S. Wood, former assessor of Pettis county.

W. B. Van Schoick, a merchant at Monroe City.

J. S. Nordyke, aged 82, one of the oldest Baptist ministers in Missouri, at Marshall.

I. G. Duffield, at his home west of Brown.

Mrs. E. J. Holt, aged 61, at Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. Fleming Luse, 81 years old, a Saline county pioneer.

Miss Nort Silver, aged 28, at Sturgeon, after a long illness.

Safe Blowers at Work.

For nearly two years there has been a safe robbery about once a month somewhere in the Missouri-Kansas mining district. The work is always done skillfully, and the robbers escape with the spoils, leaving no clew behind them. The other night robbers entered the store of Henry Wear, at Blendville, a suburb of Joplin, blew open his safe with powder, robbed it of its contents and escaped. They got about \$900 in money and a lot of valuable papers.

For a Carnegie Library.

Millionaire Carnegie has made a proposition to Jefferson City to give the city \$25,000 for the establishment of a library that is to be free, and steps are being taken to take advantage of the offer. The conditions are that the city must furnish a site for the library, and create a fund of \$3,000 per annum for the maintenance of the library.

For a Handsome Structure.

The contract for a Methodist church building at Jefferson City has been let. It is to be of Cole county limestone, and when completed will be one of the handsomest church edifices in the state. It will cost about \$30,000. Work will be commenced at once, and the building completed this summer. The foundation was put in last fall.

For Her Husband's Murder.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Thornton, charged with being an accessory to the killing of her husband, brought in a verdict of guilty at Joplin, and fixed her punishment at ten years in the penitentiary. Thornton was killed at Prosperity last fall. George Ray, a half-witted boarder, is alleged to have committed the deed.

A Public Library for Joplin.

Joplin is soon to have a public library. Petitions are being circulated under the direction of the Joplin Commercial club. One hundred names of taxpayers, necessary to have a public library fund set aside, have already been secured, and the people generally are decidedly in favor of the library.

To Represent Missouri at Paris.

Gov. Stephens has appointed Mrs. S. M. Gamble, of St. Louis, and Father Francis Graham, of St. Joseph, who, with Goodman King, of St. Louis, will represent Missouri at the Paris exposition. Mrs. Gamble is now in Europe, and she will remain until after the exposition.

A Mother Cuts Her Throat.

Mrs. Mary Hadschmidt, of No. 3613 North Broadway, St. Louis, attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat with a butcher knife. She may recover. She is the mother of five little children, is 24 years old, and has been married about eight years.

Death Did Not Part Them.

Charles Kumble Rowe and William A. Schmidt, of St. Louis, were lifelong friends, and had served as foremen in the same printinghouse for 30 years. They died at the same hour and were buried at the same hour.

Lectured On the West.

Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the United States treasury, delivered an address before the Commercial club, at St. Louis, on "The West as a Factor in Our National Development."

Sons of the Revolution.

The sixth annual banquet of the Missouri Sons of the Revolution, held at the Southern hotel, St. Louis, was the most brilliant in the history of the organization.

An Old Settler of Monroe.

J. W. Lewellen, 30 years old, died at Monroe City. He and his father's family were the first settlers in Monroe and Indian Creek townships, of Monroe county.

Given Forty Years.

A jury in the criminal court at Kansas City broke the state record when it gave Ed Sims, a negro, 40 years in the penitentiary for highway robbery.

Little Girl's Terrible Accident.

Gladys Davis, seven years old, daughter of Samuel Davis, near Neosho, was dragged by a horse for a mile. She was fatally injured.

For Hotel Accommodations.

Applications for hotel accommodations are beginning to pour into Kansas City for the Democratic national convention, in July.

Fire at Carthage.

Fire caused the total destruction of the large flouring mills owned by the Covgill & Hill Milling Co., at Carthage.

From a Self-Inflicted Wound.

Louis Becke, 15 years old, died in St. Louis from a self-inflicted pistol bullet wound. The supposition is that it was accidental.

A City's Right.

The city of Joplin's right to furnish electric light for commercial purposes has been decided by the circuit court of Jasper county.

By an Explosion of Dynamite.

Chris Graland was killed at Duaneburg, Jasper county, five miles east of Joplin, by the explosion of dynamite, while working in a mine.

LORD ROBERTS' ACCOUNT.

The Story of the Surrender Succinctly Told by the British Commander.

A DASHING NIGHT ADVANCE WAS MADE.

Then Gen. Cronje Saw the Game was Up and Sent Notice of His Desire to Surrender—The Captive General and His Men, to be Sent, Under Escort, to Cape Town.

London, Feb. 27, 5:02 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Paardeberg, 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.—From information furnished daily to me by the intelligence department, it became apparent that



Gen. Cronje's force was becoming more depressed, and that the discontent of the troops and the discord among the leaders were rapidly increasing.

Accustomed by Disappointment.

"This feeling was doubtless accentuated by the disappointment caused when the Boer reinforcements which tried to relieve Gen. Cronje were defeated by our troops on February 23. I resolved, therefore to bring pressure to bear upon the enemy. Each night the trenches were pushed forward toward the enemy's laager so as to gradually contract his position, and at the same time I bombarded it heavily with artillery, which was, yesterday, materially aided by the arrival of four six-inch howitzers which I had ordered up from De Aar.

Used a Captive Balloon.

"In carrying out these measures a captive balloon gave great assistance by keeping us informed of the dispositions and movements of the enemy. At 3 a. m., to-day a most dashing advance was made by the Canadian regiment and some engineers, supported by the First Gordon Highlanders and Second Shropshires, resulting in our gaining a point some 600 yards nearer the enemy and within about 80 yards of his trenches, where our men entrenched themselves and maintained their positions till morning, a gallant deed worthy of our colonial comrades, and which, I am glad to say was attended by comparatively slight loss.

"This apparently clinched matters, for, at daylight a letter, signed by Gen. Cronje, in which he stated that he surrendered unconditionally, was brought to our outposts under a flag of truce.

"In my reply I told Gen. Cronje he must present himself at my camp, and that his forces must come out of their laager after laying down their arms. By 7 a. m. I received Gen. Cronje and dispatched a telegram to you announcing the fact.

Gen. Cronje's Request.

"In the course of conversation Gen. Cronje asked for kind treatment at our hands, and also that his wife, grandson, private secretary, adjutant and servants might accompany him wherever he might be sent. I reassured him and told him his request would be complied with. I informed him that a general officer would be sent with him to Cape Town, to insure his being treated with proper respect en route. He will start this afternoon under charge of Maj.-Gen. Pretorius, who will hand him over to the general commanding at Cape Town.

The Other Prisoners.

"The prisoners, who number about 3,000, will be formed into commandos under our own officers. They will also leave here to-day, reaching the Modder river to-morrow, when they will be mailed to Cape Town in detachments."

Read in Parliament.

The above dispatch was read in both house of lords and the house of commons. The reference to the Canadians evoked immense and prolonged cheering.

About Four Thousand Prisoners.

Some of the British Casualties. London, Feb. 27, 6:35 p. m.—The war office has issued a list of 721 non-commissioned officers and men wounded in the fighting at Paardeberg, Sunday, February 18, including 63 Canadians and 273 Highlanders.

MAJUBA AVENGED.

The Coincidental Surrender Was Not Unexpected.

London, Feb. 28.—"Majuba avenged," "Cronje surrenders," "Great British victory." These are the expressions being shouted all over London, yet there are few outward signs of the natural joy that Lord Roberts' dispatch has really caused. The capitulation of Gen. Cronje had been looked upon as almost a certainty for a week past, and now that it has come enthusiasm finds itself discounted by anticipation.